

# milestones

## Jan/2000

Strategic alliance with China Academy for Science and Technology Development ("CASTD") that will help source funding and identify listing opportunities for potential projects to facilitate their development.

## June/2000

Joint venture with Hip Shing Hong Group to establish optical fiber manufacture plant, the first of its type in Hong Kong.

## November/2000

Launch of Broker Supply System ("BSS") to provide multi-function and multi-market trading services.

## February/2001

Introduce online T+2 settlement. A value-added service enables users to place orders with only partial deposit payment in securities trading accounts, while settling remaining balance in two trading days.



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## March/2000

Launch of Hong Kong's first Windows 2000 internet trading platform.

## September/2000

Launch of Easy Transfer service, highly convenient and efficient way for fund transfer for client brokerage accounts via HSBC ATMs, teller counters, phone banking and internet.

## December/2000

COL listed on GEM of the Stock Exchange, by way of introduction under the stock code of 8122.

## March/2001

Acquired 69.21% equity interest in Pricerite, a Hong Kong listed company and one of the city's biggest household retailing groups.